

On blowup in semilinear wave equations

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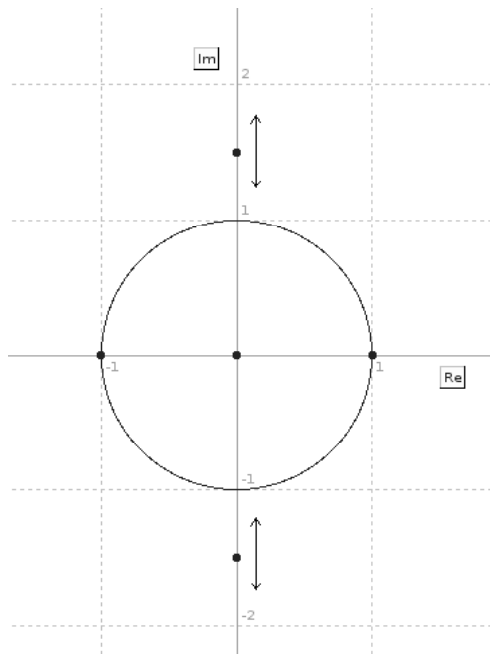
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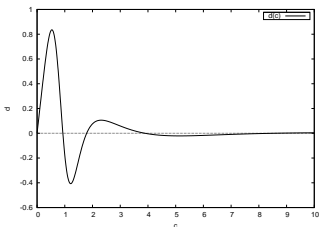
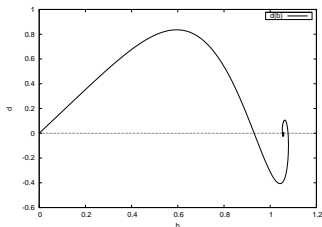
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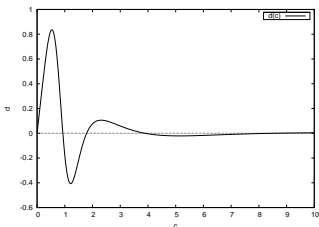
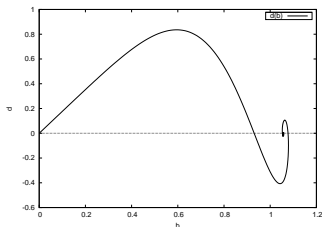
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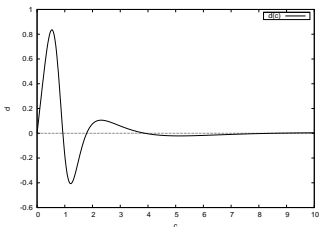
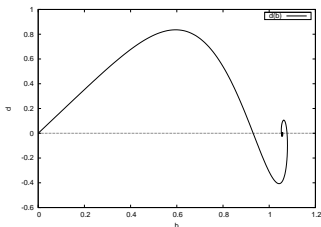
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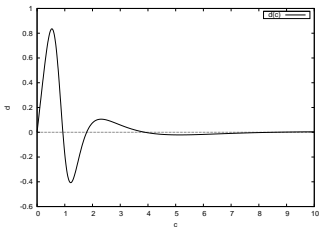
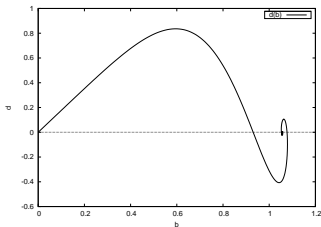
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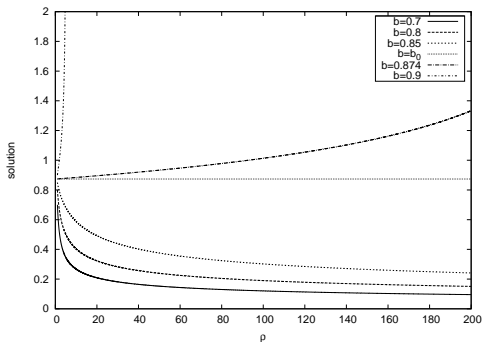
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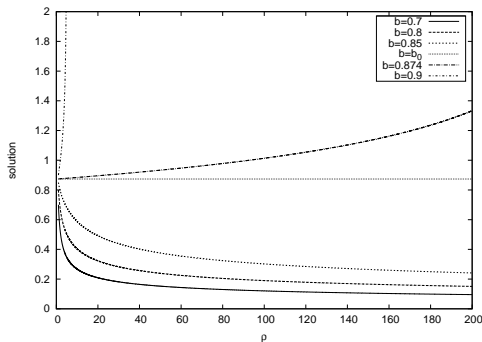
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How similar the evolution of (NLW)

$$U_{tt} - U_{rr} - \frac{n-1}{r} U_r - U^p = 0 \quad (4)$$

is to the evolution of (NLKG)

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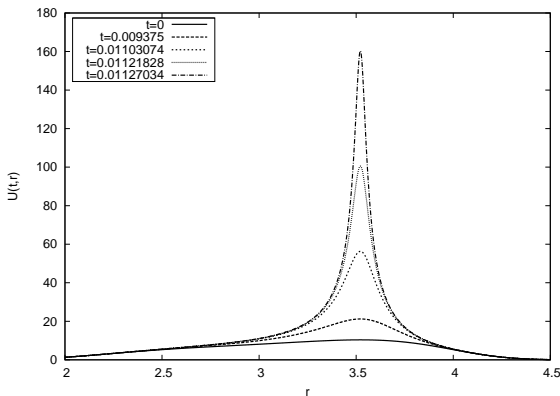
Conjecture

Blowup asymptotics of (4) is structurally stable under the perturbation result in adding **the mass term**.

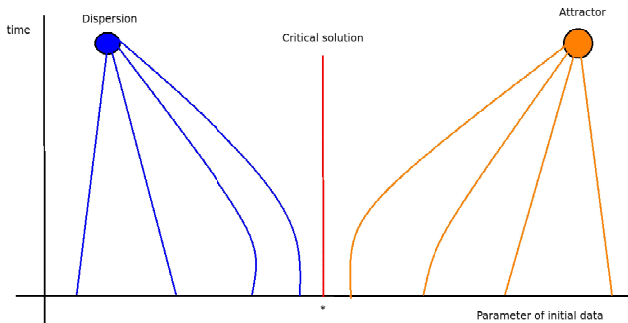
Time independent solution for NLW:

$$U_0(t) = \frac{b_0}{(T - t)^\alpha}, \quad b_0 = \left(\frac{2(p+1)}{(p-1)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$$

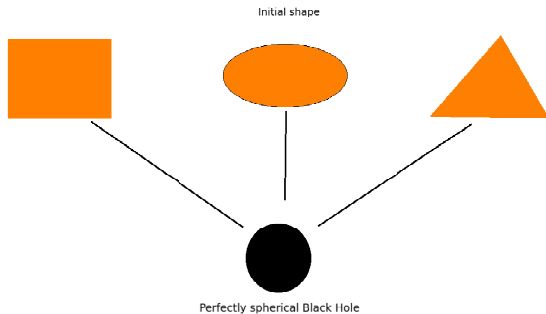
is stable and is the attractor for the solutions that blows up in finite time. It is true for arbitrary spatial dimension.



Intermediate attractors



Intermediate attractors - no hair theorems BH

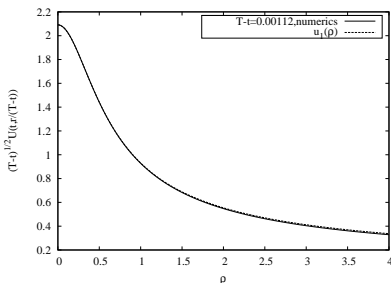
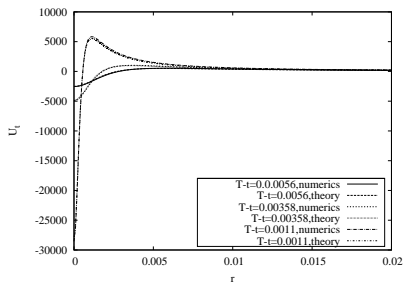


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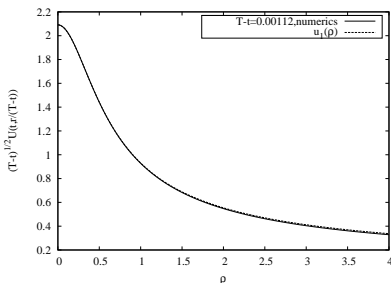
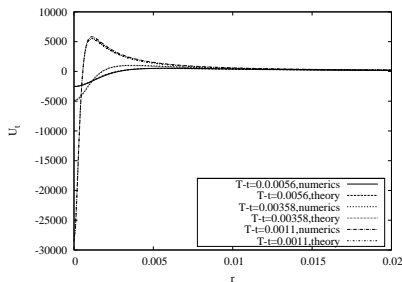
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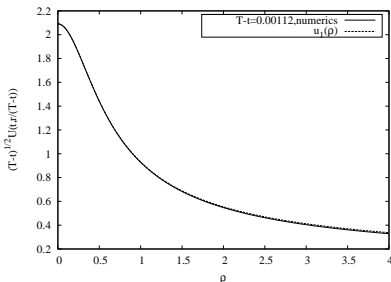
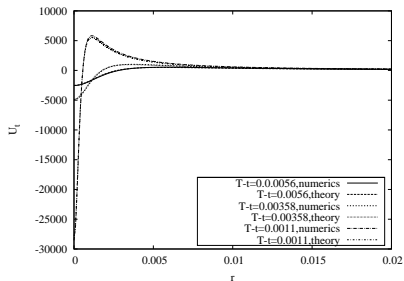
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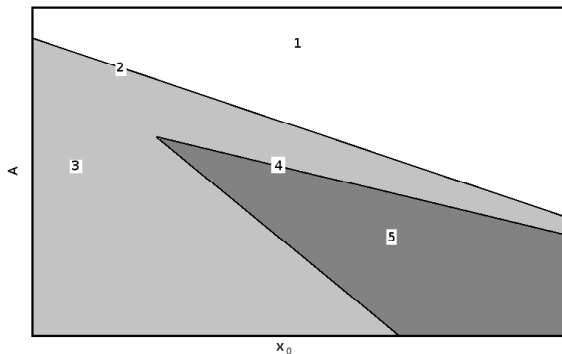
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Critical cases

Numerical simulations with initial conditions:

$$U(t=0, r) = Ar^2 e^{-\left(\frac{r-x_0}{s}\right)^4}, \quad U_t(t=0, r) = 0;$$

A and x_0 are parameters, s fixed.



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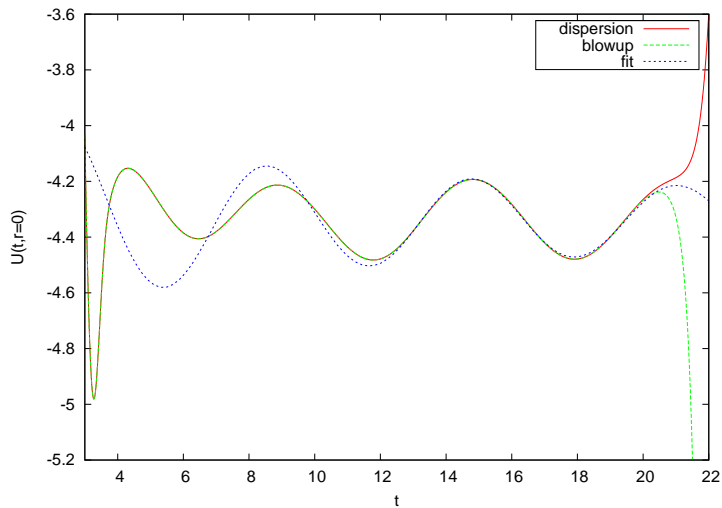
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A few strict results...
...what mathematicans can say about this.
(some results of J. Krieger, K. Nakanishi, W. Schlag, O. Costin, D.
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Singularity formation for (some) nonlinear equations [2]

$$P \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = -A(t)u + F(u), \quad t \in [0, T), \quad u(0) = u_0, \quad u_t(0) = v_0$$

- $u(t)$ mapping from some region to Hilbert space;
- $A(t)$ - symmetric, non-negative operator for $t \geq 0$ (e.g. Laplace operator);
- P - symmetric, positive operator (e.g. identity);
- F - nonlinear term (e.g. polynomial);

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- **Global solution:** $T_+(u) = \infty$ and there exist the solution v_L of the **linear** equation, the number $J \in \mathbf{N}$, that for $j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$, and for the sign of $i_j \in \{\pm\}$ and positive functions $\lambda_j(t)$ defined for large t we have

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$$f(t) \ll g(t) \text{ for } t \rightarrow L \text{ when } \lim_{t \rightarrow L} \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} = 0.$$

- If $E(u) < 0$ then solution blows up in finite time

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T_+} (\|u(x, t)\|_{H^1} + \|\partial_t u(x, t)\|_{L^2}) = \infty;$$

- If $E(u_0, v_0) < E(Q, 0)$ then:
 - for $\|\nabla u_0\| < \|\nabla Q\|$ - the solutions exists for all times;
 - for $\|\nabla u_0\| > \|\nabla Q\|$ - the solutions blows up.;
- If $E(u_0, v_0) = E(Q, 0)$ (energy threshold) then for data $\|\nabla u_0\| + \|v_0\| \leq \|\nabla Q\|$ we have global existence; the only solutions with this class that do not disperse are $\pm Q$.

- **Blowup in finite time (type I + II):**

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T_+} \|(u(t), \partial_t u(t))\|_{\dot{H}^1 \times L^2} \in (\|\nabla Q\|, \infty]$$

- **Global existence:**

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T_+} \|(u(t), \partial_t u(t))\|_{\dot{H}^1 \times L^2} = A,$$

such that

$$2E(u_0, u_1) \leq A \leq 3E(u_0, u_1).$$

(u_0, u_1) - initial data with $\dot{H}^1 \times L^2$.

Subcritical NLKG $n = 3, p = 3$

Let S be a radial solution of static equation

$$-\Delta S + S = S^3.$$

The energy of this solution fulfills

$$E(S) =: J(S) > 0.$$

Solutions below the energy of static solution $E(u) < E(S)$
depending on the value of






$$K_0(u) := \partial_\lambda J(\lambda u)|_{\lambda=1}$$

develop into





- $K_0(u(0)) \leq 0$ - global solutions for all times;
- $K_0(u(0)) > 0$ - blowup in finite time $\pm T$;

There also exist „one pass theorems“ that say that the solution can reach the neighborhood of $\pm S$ only once during the evolution !

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